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## The Collegian Photography Contest Winner Jake Fulton

After reviewing the entries submitted to *The Collegian* for our inaugural Photography Contest, we have chosen senior Jake Fulton's snapshot of the path from the Redwood Grove to Our Lady of the Oaks.

"The lines that the trees form toward the back right of the photo

create a soft balance when the close detail of the Redwood on the left draws the viewer's eyes to the foreground," says Fulton. "This causes the viewer to focus more on the deep earthy reds and browns of the trees and then the path itself."

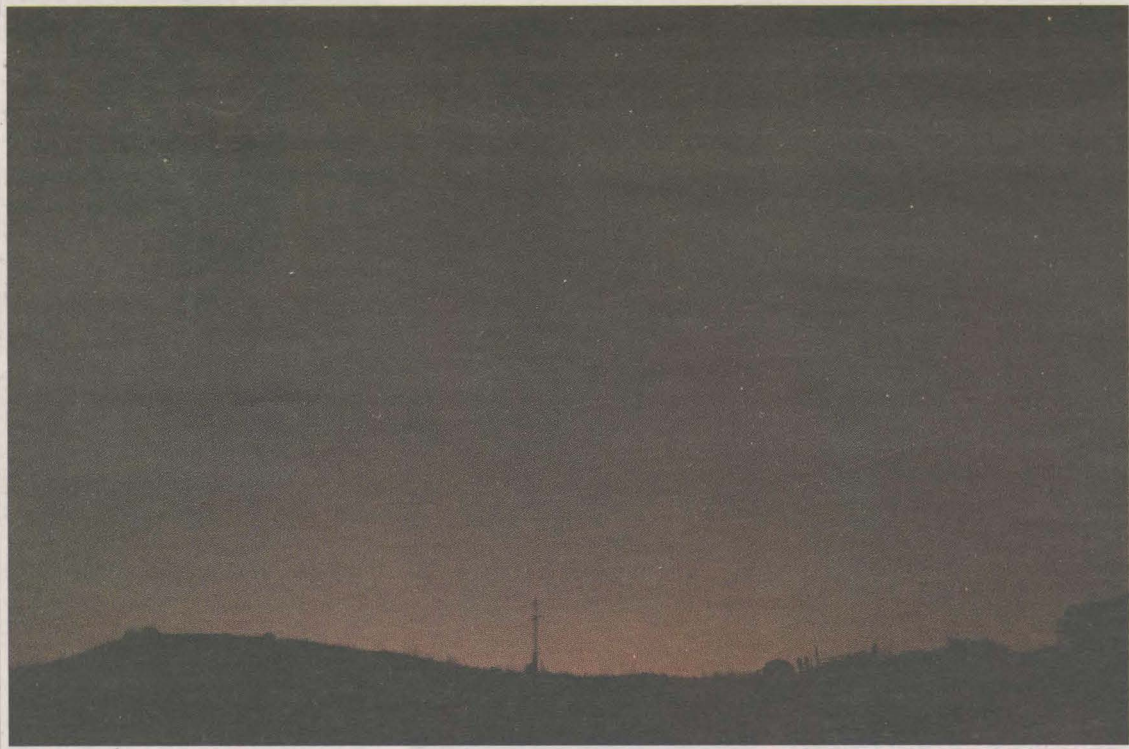
More of Fulton's work can be

found on his photography blog, [towardknowing.tumblr.com](http://towardknowing.tumblr.com).

Freshman Andrew Nguyen won Honorable Mention with his shot of a shooting star at the observatory.

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## Honorable Mention Andrew Nguyen



## KSMC to stream online

Campus radio hopes to reach wider audience through Internet broadcasting

by Ashley Hagin  
Editor-in-Chief

"Fifty-five years after the creation of KSMC, a new era of passionate broadcast personalities have wrestled with the vessels of vastly superior technology and faced bureaucratic legal grappling paired with a staunch lack of funding," says first-semester senior Corey Fedor, General Manager of Saint Mary's official radio station. "On the dawn of a new era, we reset the dwindling flicker of FM radio by unleashing an ethereal inferno upon the Internet." KSMC 89.5 FM will now begin streaming online.

After an arduous process, the station has obtained the required equipment to begin online streaming: software, a sound card, a server, and broadcast stereo headsets. The stereo headsets will allow the station to broadcast basketball games live.

Numerous proposals were submitted to the student senate to obtain required equipment. Even though the equipment was approved a few weeks ago, Fedor noted that "there seems to be a disjointed process between student senate approval and the actual purchasing of equipment, which is executed by a separate

department on campus."

As long as the installation process with CaTS goes smoothly, online streaming is projected to start this week. Fedor hopes to have the server fully operational by Thursday in order to broadcast the basketball team's game



against Gonzaga; he notes that by January 16, all Saint Mary's basketball games will be broadcast both online as well as on 89.5 FM.

Accompanying the online launch, first-semester senior Jake Fulton, KSMC's Head of Technology and Website Design, has been working on a website. Features will include the station stream, schedules, DJ biogra-

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Jong-un brings uncertainty to N. Korea

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## Organization brings various events to campus

Campus Activities Board provides entertainment, fun for students

by Jency James

Assistant News Editor

Stroll down the hall on your way to Saga and you'll pass the signs advertising the latest campus event, whether it be Henna Night or a screening of the final *Harry Potter* movie. But just what group is the mastermind behind the planning and follow through of these activities is CAB, the Campus Activities Board.

CAB volunteer sophomore Jillian Bockenkamp says CAB's purpose is "to organize activities and events on campus as well as off campus for all Saint Mary's students. We strive to make these events diverse and interesting to all students."

CAB is broken up into different departments, including Community Events and Publicity. CAB volunteers

serve as assistants to the coordinators of each department and help them plan and advertise events. At the beginning of each semester, the entire CAB staff meets to brainstorm potential ideas and discuss what events have been successful in the past.

So far this year, CAB has put on a number of successful events

very high," Bockenkamp said. "We have had record-making attendance levels in many of our events such as Comedy Night and Henna Night."

CAB also has plenty of events planned to help students beat the boredom of Jan Term with trips to go ice skating and to the Exploratorium, movie screenings of *Money Ball* and *Footloose* as well as Bingo Night and a visit from a hypnotist.

All are welcome to attend CAB events and students are also encouraged to get involved.

"I joined CAB because I was looking for some way to get involved with the school but did not like all of the legislature work that is involved with Senate," Bockenkamp said. "When I found out that CAB puts on events I knew it was just the thing I was looking for."

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including Oasis, Paint Your Own Pottery and Swing Dance Night. "This year our level of interest from students has, for the most part, been

## Getting a second chance

Prisoners learn firefighting skills

By Nikolas Bunton

Staff Writer

"I'm not perfect by any means, and nobody is, but I'm ten times a better man than I was before this camp term," recounts inmate firefighter Philip Kirkpatrick, an eager camp inmate in his late twenties, of his experiences at Baseline Conservation Camp, one of the 19 prison fire camps conveniently placed throughout the state of California to fight wildfires. "I feel like my life has purpose to it now, and that's something that I've honestly never had before. I'm ready to take on the world."

Every prison institution in California has a general product that they specialize in producing—some put out soap, Folsom State Prison puts out license plates while Correction Training Facility produces shoes and clothing. Sierra Conservation Center (SCC)—a minimum to medium custody state prison—yields human capital.

Qualifying inmates are taught the ins and outs of one of the most well-respected and treasured occupations in American culture: the firefighter.

As inmates initially cross that daunting threshold into the cold world of incarceration they can harbor feelings of social alienation, depression, anger, and rejection. Yet when given the opportunity to progress in an institutional program that goes beyond merely being assigned monotonous tasks that constantly remind the inmates of their poor behaviors, the opportunity to significantly diminish the recidivism rate and gain a sense of personal merit arises.

The ultimate goal of the SCC's firefighter program is to equip inmates with not only vocational skills and firefighting certificates, but, more importantly, with a sturdy work ethic and an internal sense of self-respect.

"We are in a partnership with CAL FIRE, the California Fire Department, and what we do here at Sierra is we get the low custody inmates, we screen them to make sure they have the right custody level, and once they pass that we go ahead and start a series of training programs," SCC Warden Frank Chavez explained.

At the Sierra Conservation Center, CAL FIRE teaches prisoners how to safely and effectively fight fires by taking two consecutive training courses; the Physical Fitness Training (PFT) and the Firefighter Training (FFT) programs. Once they finish both the PFT and the FFT, inmates are put on a waiting list to get admitted into one of the 19 fire camps that are "strategically located in all of the dry woodlands so that they can be easily deployed to those areas

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## Crime Beat

12/2/2011 12:40 a.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana, paraphernalia and a BB gun in the Upper De La Salle parking lot; referred to Community Life.

12/2/2011 8:49 p.m.

Incident: Malicious mischief.

Synopsis: Student breaking glass bottle in Ageno A South Side roadway; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services.

12/2/2011 9:44 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in Thille Hall; referred to Community Life.

12/2/2011 10:09 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Underage possession of alcohol and consumption in Thille Hall; referred to Community Life.

12/2/2011 11:15 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation

Synopsis: Possession of open container of alcohol in public and underage consumption outside Mitty Hall; referred to Community Life.

12/5/2011 1:06 a.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in More Hall; referred to Community Life.

12/6/2011 1:00 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Visitor on campus had trouble breathing and was choking in Soda Center, no transport; suspended.

12/6/2011 8:35 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana between Ageno A and B; referred to Community Life.

12/9/2011 6:36 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Faculty member with severe stomach pain in Garaventa Hall was transported to John Muir Hospital; referred to Human Resources.

12/9/2011 9:00 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana paraphernalia in South Claes; referred to Community Life.

12/10/2011 3:41 a.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Student had seizure in North Claes but refused transport; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness.

12/11/2011 1:15 p.m.

Incident: Misdemeanor hit and run.

Synopsis: Left side rear bumper and tail light damage in Guerrieri West; suspended.

12/12/2011 7:27 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation and unauthorized use of College property.

Synopsis: Possession of knife, marijuana, alcohol and College property in De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life.

1/3/2012 8:00 a.m.

Incident: Petty theft.

Synopsis: Work tools stolen from company vehicle in De La Salle parking lot; referred to Loss Pre-

vention.

12/13/2011 5:08 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of drug paraphernalia in De La Salle parking lot; referred to Community Life.

12/14/2011 8:05 p.m.

Incident: Information only.

Synopsis: Student had minor injury to arm in De La Salle quad, drove herself to checkout; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center.

12/14/2011 8:47 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana, paraphernalia and knives in Aquinas Hall; referred to Community Life.

12/21/2011 2:30 p.m.

Incident: Petty theft.

Synopsis: Gas siphoned from vehicle in Garaventa parking lot; suspended.

12/29/2011 2:00 p.m.

Incident: Grand theft.

Synopsis: Five missing MacBook Pros in Warehouse; referred to CaTS.

1/3/2012 9:05 p.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in Justin Hall; referred to Community Life.

1/4/2012 12:08 a.m.

Incident: Student handbook violation.

Synopsis: Underage possession/consumption of alcohol and noise violation in North Claes; referred to Community Life.

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# The Collegian NEWS



## KSMC: Radio to coincide online streaming with website launch

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phies, local upcoming concerts, and album reviews.

KSMC is also now a part of the College Music Journal Subscription, a reference to see how

relevant the music they play is to the music played at other colleges and universities.

"When I first came onto the station, I never thought we would

have made as much progress as we have," said Fedor. "We've grown from three DJs to twenty-four, and we're about to launch a website along with online streaming.

I'm so excited for our crew and couldn't be happier about finally establishing ourselves on a media outlet that will grant us much more exposure to the student body."

## PRISONERS: California inmates become heroes as they fight fires in the hopes of bettering their lives and communities

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most susceptible to wildfires," Warden Chavez noted.

These fire camps are the final step for inmates admitted into the SCC, with the closest camp—the Baselines camp—being just three miles down a dusty road that winds around the parched land surrounding the SCC facility.

Although the firefighter system—both the SCC's training programs and the fire camps—is a major benefit to the actual rehabilitation of inmates, it is by no means foolproof. One prisoner in the bustling SCC jail yard, Paul, a former camp inmate who fell back into his drug habits after being paroled a couple years ago, has been working on getting back to one of the fire camps, this time with a more determined frame of mind bent on building that crucial solid foundation.

"The reason I feel that I didn't succeed the first time is I didn't have any credentials, I didn't have anything under my belt to help me out there in society," Paul explained, "This time I got my GED, I got my masonry certificate, then after that I actually had a friend in the PFT introduce me to the coach. Ever since I've been doing everything the prison will give me to get me ready to go back out there and excel."

One noticeable difference in these inmate firefighters is that they have a tremendous deal of respect for what they're doing; the job gives them a sense that they're accomplishing something, not only for themselves, but for their families and the society in general.

Whether they are doing military-style calisthenics in the prison yard for their PFT or gearing-up in their bunker gear (typical firefighter suits) for a field day in the FFT—the second program inmates must complete before being sent to one of those 19 fire camps strewn across the state—the inmates looked and acted more hopeful and enthusiastic about themselves, what they are doing and what they plan to do when they get out.

"It's very positive, it's like having a family to count on," Paul says of the firefighting experience. "The model for PFT is start together and finish together, so we try not to leave anyone behind. I've done PFT, and I've been a fire-

fighter before. It's a good program, the PFT, the FFT and especially the fire camps."

"A giant tree was on the verge of falling and there were a lot of homes where it was leaning towards, and seeing as the red-

successfully lands a job once they are released—it is an incredibly competitive field. But even if they don't become firefighters, giving them the chance to get out there and have the structure of a normal workday, just as they would out in

building their self-confidence and determination. The massive support provided by these inmates alone supplies some taxpayers with community support while giving California the environmental aid it so desperately needs.

Prisoners in fire camps also get to escape the exasperating jailyard drama and prison politics. Baseline camp is void of these politics like race and gang violence. Some of the racial elements inside prison involve the expectation for prisoners to segregate themselves by race or gang affiliation. When you get out to the fire line you don't see that—the group consists purely of firefighters, partners who all depend on each other to survive some of the dangerous situations they face. There is a sense of camaraderie among the inmates and is often a driving force behind a prisoner's rehabilitation.

"Once you get to camp you find yourself looking beyond the hassles of prison politics because you are out there on the fires, and you've got to look out for each other," Paul stated. "I really enjoyed the crew that I was on because we were all brothers. We worked together, we ate together, we slept together, you know what I mean? It was very positive. You get the sense of being a part of something, rather than just being locked up in a cell all by yourself."

Another camper heavily involved in the diversion program, Resnick, is a calm and contented man of 48 years who has been in the penal system since he hit adulthood at age 18. He resides at the Baseline camp and acts as one of the key facilitators who goes out and talks to eighth graders and high school students about the choices one makes in life, specifically about how he made his mistakes, using those negative experiences to influence these kids not to make the same mistakes that he made.

Communication and teamwork, alongside the boost in self-assurance that manifests from their philanthropic contributions, has the power to turn even the most downtrodden and apathetic of inmates into American heroes.

*This article was originally written for Blast Magazine.*



Courtesy of Andrew Castronovo via Blast Magazine

wood firefighters there were kind of busy, our crew had some saws and cut it down," Paul said while chronicling his most memorable experience as a firefighter thus far, with a satisfied grin inching across his face. "Some people were asking whether we were going to be able to handle the tree, us being inmates and all, and our captain answered him saying that these are the best saw men I got, which was a real compliment."

While the fire fighting skills do prove worthwhile in terms of providing inmates with a concrete set of skills meant to establish a practical gateway to a multitude of occupations and career paths, it seems to be the gradual improvement and reinforcement of the inmates' behavior that can lead to a greater disposition towards a sound state of mental and emotional health that truly attests to the program's benefit. Inmates are living examples of the programs potential to completely revamp an inmate's attitude in a positive and constructive direction.

Though there have been cases where former inmates have gotten jobs with CAL FIRE, becoming a full-time, salaried firefighter is hard work and not everyone who is involved in the SCC training

the real world, plays a huge part in the process. A lot of these guys have struggled to or have never held a consistent job; they have never had that structure and sense of contribution to society. The program is not a novelty to them as they try to effectively become individuals who contribute to society in a positive manner.

The SCC training facility and the various fire camps that turn criminals into empathetic heroes work to achieve both means, renewing the inmates' sense of worth and value in society while providing cheap labor to prevent costly and potentially life threatening wildfires, all at a fraction of the standard market value of such labor.

This program is a two-for-one, benefiting both the taxpayers and prison inmates; it provides structure for the inmates and financial benefits for taxpayers. You can have 20 outside guys working for CAL FIRE that are getting paid big money for fighting fires and other natural disasters, or you can get an inmate fire crew at almost the exact same cost as just one of those non-inmate firefighters. Taking this into account, inmates can give back to the community financially while simultaneously

## Campus Calendar

### Meditation with Br. Camillus

Tuesday, January 10  
Wednesday, January 18  
11:40 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  
Main Chapel  
Contact Joanne Angerame  
x4366

### Gonzaga Pre-game

Thursday, January 12  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Courtney Carmignani  
x4200

### Rosary Session

Thursday, January 12  
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Main Chapel  
Contact Father Sal Ragusa a  
x4366

### Crossing Borders Film Series

Monday, January 16  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Marie Lawler  
x4366

### Women's Resource Center Event

Wednesday, January 18  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Sharon Sobotta  
X40171

### SMC Guild Mass

Thursday, January 19  
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Main Chapel  
Contact Father Sal Ragusa  
x4366

### Friday Night Live

Friday, January 20  
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Reuben Greenwald  
x4704

### Movie Night

Monday, January 23  
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Reuben Greenwald  
x4704

### Jan Term Speaker Series – Ari

Tuesday, January 24  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Delphine Lounge  
Contact Joan Iva Fawcett  
x8317

### Social Justice Event

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7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Reuben Greenwald  
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The Collegian  
**OPINION**

## Primaries become a man's race

by **Melissa Jenkins**  
Contributing Writer

Four years ago, many of us had the opportunity to vote for the first white woman or the first African American President of the United States of America. As a senior in high school and a blooming Women's and Gender Studies major, I focused all of my attention on Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Unfortunately, I was too young to vote in the primary election, and by the time I was eighteen and legally eligible to vote, my only Democratic option was former Senator Barack Obama. I will forever remember the night during my first year of college when the United States of America elected its first African American president. However, I will also always remember that year as a year in which a woman candidate was *not* elected president. Although I was initially disappointed that Hillary Rodham Clinton did not become the Democratic nominee, I also understood race and gender in the United States. After all, African American men were given the right to vote fifty years before women, so I recognized that while Americans were ready for a Black president, we were not quite ready for a woman.

President Obama has pretty much secured my November 2012 vote. However, as a very politically active American voter, I have also paid close attention to the current GOP debate. Even as a devout Democrat, I was very excited to have Herman Cain and Michelle Bachman as candidates. My Ethnic Studies class could attest to my enthusiasm for a possible presidential competition between two African American men. However, when Herman Cain rescinded his candidacy, I was extremely disappointed that the remaining candidates were white Americans. We may have made a huge leap forward in 2008 with the election of Barack Obama, but the GOP could not sustain this progress during their race for the 2012 nomination. Nevertheless, they still had the ability to nominate a woman.

Despite my devotion to the Democratic Party, I had hoped for the Republicans to provide new diversity to the presidential election. The 2008 election provided the option of an African American president or a white woman vice president. The 2012 election could have provided the possibility of an African American man versus a white woman. Unfortunately, last week, Michele Bachman resigned from the race for the Republican nomination, and America's Republican choices were once again limited to white men. I feel that I am not disappointed in the Republican Party but rather for them. The United States is still not ready for a woman president. In 2012, we unfortunately must admit that both presidential nominees will be men. The only solace I receive is in knowing that at least we will not be once more pitting *our* white guy against *their* white guy and hoping for the lesser of two evils.

## What's next for North Korea's young Un?

*New leader faces many challenges, world expects changes*

by **Charlie Guese**  
Staff Writer

Forty-eight hours elapsed between the reputed heart attack and death of the North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong-il and the report of this event to the nation and the outside world through the tears of an anchorwoman on state television. Such a long period of lag time to report the death of a world leader is not only bizarre, but also unsettling, considering North Korea's isolationist doctrine, large military, and supposed nuclear weapons program. Though this peculiarity is surprising, it reflects the country's extreme secrecy and the outside world's lack of knowledge about its internal affairs.

The takeover of power from Kim Jong-il's son Kim Jong-un is undoubtedly a momentous event. However, in distinctly North Korean style, the West has very little information about who he is exactly, and it remains to be seen if he will lead his country in the same authoritarian manner as his father did.

Outsiders salivate at the thought of reunification on the Korean peninsula between North and South Korea, and with Kim Jong-un, someone who is youthful and has studied in Switzerland, it is very easy for Westerners to postulate that sweeping changes in North Korea's foreign policy are imminent. This chiefly Western perspective is heedless of North Korea's very ideology of "Juche,"

which is self-reliance as invented by its eternal president Kim Il-sung and the North Korean public's extreme, cult-like admiration for the Kim family. Analysts have predicted a power rift between Kim Jong-un and North Korean military officials in the future, but no evidence exists to show that Kim Jong-un has a differing viewpoint, and even the highest-ranked army generals respect the country's new leader due to his nearly-royal lineage.

Furthermore, a grassroots uprising from the people looks unlikely. While protests saw the successful toppling of many iconic dictators in 2011, including Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, the North Korean peo-

ple do not have the digital supplies to enable a demonstration, and the oppressed in North Korea reside mostly in rural areas. The effects of propaganda perpetrating for over sixty years has also likely aligned North Koreans into complacency, instilling Kim Il-sung's "Juche" ideology and patriotism into the minds of citizens.

Despite these indications of the status quo, North Korea may eventually work toward a more constructive diplomatic policy. The Kim Jong-il regime made minor progress with South Korea in the last decade, and while the Six Party Talks ultimately resulted in stagnation, it proved that the totalitarian government is capable of participating in open dialogue.

North Korea's teetering economy may perhaps force the country to consider changes in its behavior and policy. North Korea has one of the lowest GDP figures in the world at \$1,800 per capita, and since the Soviet Union halted aid to the country in 1991, its economy continues to plummet. North Korea's frequent and devastating famines may force itself to dramatically improve diplomatic relations.

Kim Jong-un will undeniably rule with the archetypal North Korean veil of mystery at the beginning of his reign, leaving the West with the typically clouded picture of his country. It still remains to be seen, however, if any of the outlined factors will cause changes in the long term.



Courtesy of theaustralian.com.au

## Despite recent violence, Syria needs to fix itself

*Previous wars show United States should stay out of Middle East*

by **Sara DeSantis**  
Assistant Opinion Editor

Through the fall and winter, Syria's "Arab Spring" revolts have escalated in violence as citizens in the Free Syrian Army demand the end of President Bashar al-Assad and his ruling regime. Since the beginning of the protests in March, more than 5,000 civilians have been reported killed and the number continues to rise. Last Friday, in Syria's capital Damascus, 26 people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated himself near a bus that appeared to be carrying policemen.

As the efforts of the Arab League to reach a peaceful end to the conflict prove worthless, people now express concern that the only thing that will come out of the end of al-Assad's regime is civil war. So does the U.S. step in to diffuse the situation? There answer is no. By now we should have learned that the balance of tradition, history, and philosophy as well as religious beliefs that govern that area are all alien concepts to the US as we are constituted.

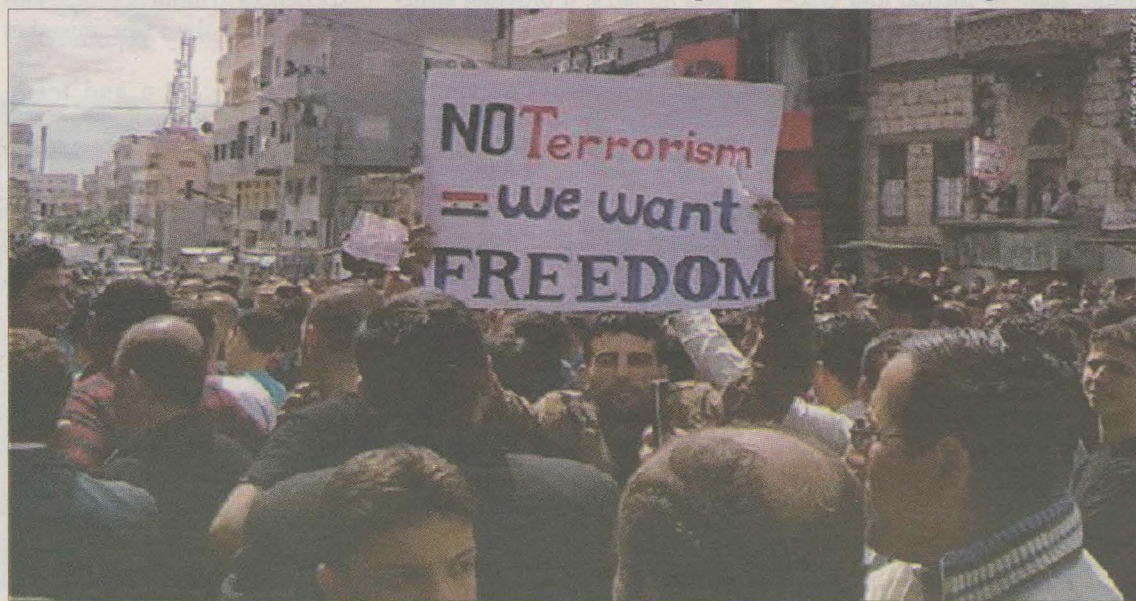
With the tension and hostility reaching a pinnacle in this ongoing conflict the United States was quoted

saying that the continuing aggression was not "the right answer to the problems in Syria." Even though the United States welcomed themselves into Libya's past war for democracy, it may be time for our country to stay out of the conflict. War and terror are things that no one should have to suffer through, but the underlying corruption in coverage of the protests and the cultural differences between America and Syria are too great to allow our interference.

As the bodies of 11 policemen killed in the attack were buried, the state TV showed large crowds chant-

ing their support of President Assad. Unlike the wide-spread dislike of Ghaddafi in Libya, President Assad is popular among the upper class, minorities, and the Shia sect that Assad belongs to. Syria's interior ministry swore to strike back on what they called a "terrorist escalation," which is what the supporters of President Assad have been calling the protestors. However, the opposing Free Syrian Army claimed that the suicide bombings were set by the regime. The chaos could energize militant Hezbollah and Hamas groups to join the conflict. Certain groups in Syria also have ties to the Shia power in Iran, which is a major antagonist of the United States.

Despite the possible involvement of an enemy of America, it is important to remember that this is not our fight. We could never fully understand how to react to a crisis in Syria because the nuances of the culture of that country are so divergent from ours. At this point in Syria's Arab Spring, the truth in whether the government really is oppressive or if the people calling for change are actually extremist terrorists is hard to define. Yes, it is difficult to witness acts of violence and unrest, but to see a lasting peace we must allow the Middle East countries to govern themselves.



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# What we learned from Iowa caucus drama

## Top three candidates show how GOP race could develop

by Katie Porter  
Opinion Editor

Sometimes I think Iowa would go completely unnoticed if it weren't for the Iowa caucuses, the first step any presidential candidate must take to winning their party's nomination. This year's event was particularly dramatic. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney won the caucus by eight votes, with Rick Santorum and Ron Paul a close second and third. Then Michele Bachmann dropped out of the race after winning a mere five percent of votes, which isn't surprising considering how she's become a bit of a joke. But what does all of this mean in terms of the upcoming presidential election?

I don't think the Iowa caucuses predict the ultimate winner. In 2008 Mike Huckabee had a decisive win, with Romney and Fred Thompson coming in second and third. John McCain, who eventually won the Republican nomination, came in fourth. So the results of this vote may not actually mean anything besides a single state's support for nomination, but let's take a look at the three candidates who actually benefitted.

Santorum lost by eight votes, and he was the most surprising contender for me. This might be because all I have heard about Santorum is that he's homophobic and a pretty bland candidate. However, it seems that Santorum is the Republican's latest Candidate of

the Week, i.e. the latest in a long line of candidates the party has been trying on to see if they will stick. First it was Bachmann, then Rick Perry, then Herman Cain, and most recently Newt Gingrich. Considering two of these candi-

dates have since dropped out and none of them did well in Iowa, I'd say they have a very short shelf life. It'd be safe to say that Santorum's popularity will soon

fade as well. Plus, if Santorum ever did win the nomination, he's much too socially conservative for independent voters. And make no mistake, this is a time when most people are disillusioned with both major parties, and their beliefs lay



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somewhere in the middle of the political spectrum. November's election will be won by whoever wins them over.

Then there's Paul, whom nobody wants to talk about, but won 21 percent of the vote in Iowa. The thing is, even though he is running for the Republican nomination, he's not really a Republican. He's a Libertarian running as a Republican, because nobody is going to take the Libertarian candidate seriously. Now, the one thing you should know about the Libertarians is that they are the fiscally conservative, socially liberal party. This is pretty funny, considering everyone describes their beliefs as fiscally conservative and socially liberal, but no one wants to become a member of a third party. I don't know how well Paul will do in the rest of the primaries, but it would be interesting if he won or did well. It would shake things up and possibly open the door for third parties, something that needs to happen if we want to fix the bipartisan quagmire that is making our government grind to a halt.

Finally there's Romney, the "winner." While he did narrowly get the most votes, voters said he was also the candidate they were most uncertain about choosing during exit polls. The truth is, the best thing you can say about

out too much blackmail-material or figure out the person's crazy, then they move on. However, eventually it's going to come down to Romney. Soon they'll run out of alternatives, discover that they hate all of the candidates as much as they hate Romney, and have to settle for the stable guy. But maybe it's a good thing that they have a moderate conservative as their frontrunner. The Republican party has been so far Right for the last couple of years that they run the risk of alienating voters and making themselves obsolete if they don't adjust to increasingly liberal social sentiment. A little bit of moderation might make the Republicans more relatable.

The New Hampshire primary is happening today, and many interesting things could happen. Jon Huntsman, who did worse than Bachmann in Iowa, has made a real effort to become a viable candidate in New Hampshire and might actually do well. This could be a make or break point for Santorum, although Romney seems certain of victory. Then there's Paul, and the question of whether he will become a serious candidate. While no one can be sure what's going to happen or who's going to ultimately win, this will certainly be a very interesting primary season.

# Rome tear gas unites protestors

by Rebecca Laird  
Contributing Writer

While Saint Mary's was beginning and supporting its own Occupy movement, on October 15, 2011, Rome, Italy also participated in the worldwide movement. Which, despite the many different opinions and issues being fought, was fundamentally a Voice of the People against injustice.

I was a student studying abroad in Rome during the protest. Walking towards San Giovanni, I could see the plumes of gas surrounding the entire Piazza in a haze. Each time a Polizia shot tear gas cans into the masses of protestors, chaos unleashed.

A wall of people came running towards me. Ignorant and fascinated, I waded through them, catching glimpses of the immobilizing effects the gas had on each person.

Some had bandanas covering their noses and mouths allowing them to hold their ground, while others ran past me crying and coughing hysterically trying to escape.

It began to feel like a battle. This was before I could decide I was with "them," that is, any and everyone in civilian clothes. Some experienced individuals passed lemons to those blinking and weeping uncontrollably, and others tried to find sight enough to avoid being hit or trampled.

For longer than a minute I could only blink in red light while refusing to inhale, until a man wearing all black, a helmet, and ski goggles doused my face in lemon water.

I felt relief from the burning of my skin, lungs, and eyes, but the images of the hundreds surrounding me were the same.

For hours the Polizia used the gas method to try and disperse the Voice of the People. As the news channels broadcasted, though, rioting, vandalism, and misjudgment grew with each canister. Violence and force became common on both their and our sides.

On my dazed walk home, I could not help but find it terribly ironic how tear gas was their first logical means of breaking the thousands in protest. Because, while running through the gas, feeling pain and lack of oxygen, every eye you met held the same determined, wronged, and worthwhile stare.

As social creatures worldwide, our usual inclination when seeing someone suffering with tears streaming down their face is to give our sympathy first, possibly our empathy, and then our helping hand.

Like the man in black who saw me struggling and offered me aid so the mass majority of those experiencing the manifestation formed a collective bond.

If anything, I would say the tear gas was a fundamental element to us holding our ground and refusing to give up our Voice. It is ironic because the Polizia's means of tranquilizing the peaceful origins resulted in a camaraderie that could not be silenced without force.

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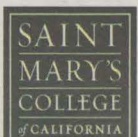
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## DETOUR

## Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy offers lots of potential British espionage film may be Oldman's chance at Academy Awards

by Jen Peng  
Staff Writer

*Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.* A film that could almost be synonymous with a game of chess: slow with moderation while every move is calculated with specific intention to win against the opponent. In this case, the opponent to main character George Smiley (played by Gary Oldman) is the "mole" in British Intelligence. The film centers on retired agent Smiley and his associates trying to uncover the identity of the mole in British Intelligence. In this game of chess, the opponent stands as not only the mole but also Russia's Intelligence. While the film was visually stunning with the faded-like cinematography to capture the cold war environment and distrust with every character, the element that made the film so enthralling was acting veteran Gary Oldman. Although Oldman has had a long-standing relationship with the film industry, he has actually never been nominated for an Oscar. This idea

is soon to be changed after audiences see his performance in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*. Beautifully capturing John le Carré's literary character George Smiley, Oldman approaches the character, along with foreign director Tomas Alfredson's directing, with an almost voyeuristic approach. Nearly every scene with protagonist George Smiley is captured in wide lens giving the audience the idea that the character is distant yet close with moderation, unseen but ever present with what is going on throughout the story. As the novel states, "George is like a swift ...he lowers his temperature until it's the same as the room around it. Then he doesn't lose heat by adjusting." Supporting cast includes brilliant performances done by Benedict Cumberbatch, Colin Firth, and Tom Hardy.

While I praise the film, I admit that I was somewhat disappointed with it overall. Having read the book some time ago, I was able to compare the film with the novel. This being said, it didn't entirely capture the es-



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sence of le Carré's masterpiece. The most climactic moments in the novel were anticlimactic in the film, while the writers of the script failed to make each character distinguishable in the sense of personality and purpose. The metaphor that comes to mind is of a sculptor and his tools. He may have all the right tools but does not use them

wisely or enough to shape his piece of art to its full potential. In this case they had the perfect cast, director, cinematography, and even music, but the writers failed to arrest all the characteristics and moments of the novel into the script. Those who have not read the espionage thriller might find themselves utterly confused in the duration of the

film while those who have read it might either embrace or over analyze the final product of Alfredson's take on le Carré's literary masterpiece. Either way, I passionately hope that Oldman finally gets what he deserves: an Academy Award.

Grade: B+

## Actual Café: Not your average cup of joe

Oakland cafe wants you to sit and relax

by Jazo Moises  
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By its name, you're probably wondering why it's called Actual Café. Their philosophy is for people to enjoy the "real stuff." By real stuff they mean coffee mugs, plates and silverware, ingredients from nearby vendors, and a relaxing atmosphere.

Walking into Actual Café, you'll see things you won't really see in normal cafes. There's an indoor bike rack for patrons to keep their bikes safe while they enjoy a fresh, handmade soda or a B.L.T. with avocado on freshly made bread. Enjoy a quick coffee or an Thai Iced Tea while sitting in their outdoor area. Bring a book and relax in their lounge area. There are many possibilities to enjoy and relax at Actual Café.

On weekends, don't expect to get too much work done, because the whole café is laptop-free. Actual Café wants people to take a break from their daily work or school activities and to sit down and

relax. They want people to just take a seat, grab some brunch, and socialize. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the café.

Aside from being home to a lot of local art, Actual Café also hosts trivia nights, movie nights, open mics, and art shows. Also, for those who are 21 and over, they offer 10-dollar pitchers of beer every Saturday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Actual is also home to a Seed Bomb vending machine, where for 50 cents you can buy a "seed bomb" to plant native grass and wildflowers in your area.

Overall, Actual Café offers delicious food and drinks in a warm and inviting atmosphere. They want you to take time and slow down, because the reality is that sometimes you just need to stop what you're doing and actually be there.

Grade: A

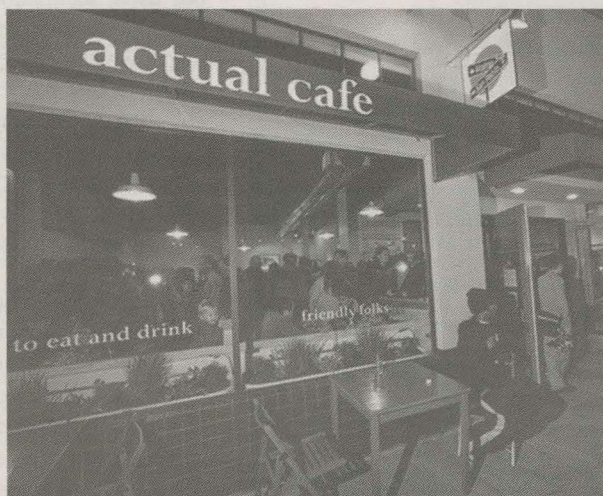


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## SnowGlobe...without the snow

Tahoe music festival solid in its first incarnation

by Alex Kozela  
Editor-in-Chief

There was definitely something in the air, and it wasn't snow.

Record high temperatures and no precipitation pervaded the inaugural SnowGlobe Music Festival, but despite the absence of the elements, the New Year was rung in in epic fashion with a three-day celebration of electronic music in South Lake Tahoe.

While it wasn't as cold as organizers had predicted, Lake Tahoe is still a pretty frigid place around this time of year. But with booming electro beats penetrating the ear drums of 30,000 gyrating bass heads for three days, it was easy to forget about the possibilities of catching hypothermia. Spending the better part of three days outside in 20 degree weather isn't usually seen as the norm, but try telling that to festival-goers whose garb ranged from heavy ski jackets to bikinis.

The two tents were considerably warmer than the main outdoor stage, partly because of the added comfort of having a roof, but also because of the non-stop rave atmosphere,

from A-Trak's pulsating sample-based electro house, to Dillon Francis' reggaeton-infused moombahton, to Datsik's dirty brostep set, which sparked a violent mosh-pit that had people sweating in near-freezing conditions.

Yet all the big guns were to be found on the main stage. Pretty Lights, the first night's headliner, brought his best with a commanding performance of his soulful glitch hop. His set was light years better than the band that preceded him, Big Gigantic, who endlessly recycled cheap dubstep tracks while interposing it with a saxophone that was barely audible. LA-based underground hip hop legends Digital Peoples and pop-rap star Childish Gambino offered a nice respite from all of the oscillating electronic beats, while dubstep legend Bassnectar was as high octane as ever with his Friday

night bass-fest. The Glitch Mob rang in 2012 with a confetti shower and a set that ran only until 12:40 because of the large number of complaints from the neighboring folk.

The festival's organization was pretty flawless, a pleasant surprise considering the infancy of the event. It was the antithesis of a massive sprawl like Outside Lands, where it often takes 20 minutes to get from one stage to another. SnowGlobe packed everyone in nice and tight, and maneuvering around wasn't a challenge at all, with one section of food trucks and bathrooms strategically located in the center of the triangle of stages. The only real issue was the problem of having one narrow exit that funneled 10,000 drugged-out people into a bizarre field of shrubbery, but that can easily be fixed in future editions.



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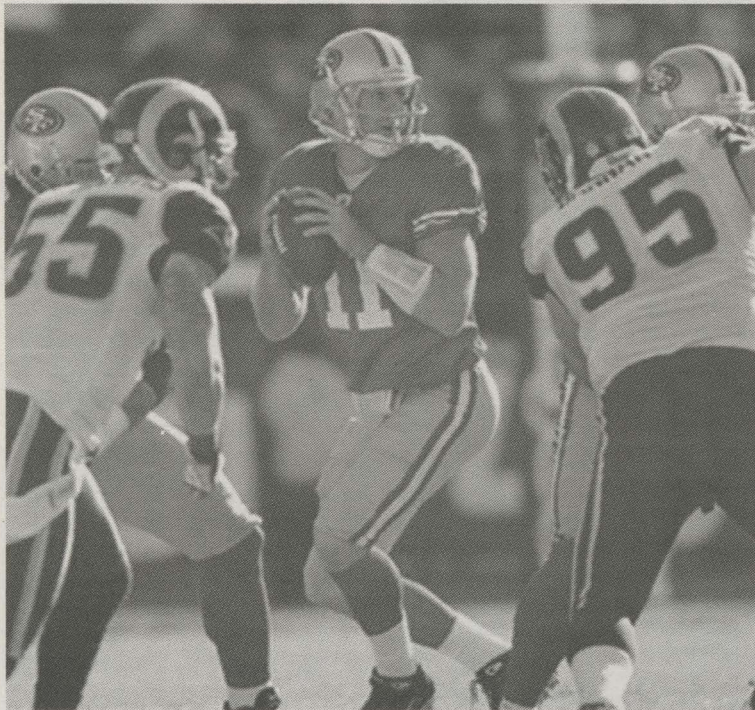


# The Collegian SPORTS

## FOOTBALL: New era of football in San Francisco continued from page 8

Skeptics have said that the Niners will not be able to keep up in the playoffs with high-offensive teams, such as the Packers or Saints, but Jim Harbaugh has created a mentality for Niner fans to believe that

we can beat anyone at anytime. Even San Francisco does not see its sixth Super Bowl title this season, the future is so ever bright as a new legacy in the Bay Area is just beginning.



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San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith goes for a pass against the Saint Louis Rams. His improved play under the new coach lends to his team's success recent success.

## Saint Mary's goes 6-1 in long stretch heading into league play Gaels loss to #6 Baylor only blemish on strong offensive run over winter break

by Simon Tryzna

Assistant Sports Editor

While the GaelForce was on vacation, Saint Mary's finished off its non-conference schedule with seven games in eleven days, five at home and two in Las Vegas. The seven games saw the Gaels figure out their rotation and saw a different member of the team step up in each game, proving that there is more to Saint Mary's than the duo of Matthew Dellavedova and Rob Jones. The first game of the stretch against Jackson State saw senior forward Clint Steindl hitting three of his six three pointers as part of the 15-1 run to open the game and helped contribute to a 77-53 rout. Two days later, Steindl continued his hot shooting as he combined with Jorden Page to each score 17 points. Page drained five of the Gael's 16 three-pointers for a 84-45 win over North Carolina A&T.

The first round of the Continental Tires Las Vegas Classic saw the Gaels blow out Bethune Cookman 77-52. Jones and

Dellavedova took a backseat as Jorden Page (15 points), Steven Holt (11 points), Clint Steindl (10 points), and Kenton Walker (10 points) led the Gaels to their seventh home win of the year.

Following a breakout performance against Cal Poly, freshman Brad Waldow showed off his skill, getting the start and scoring 13 points in the second round of the Las Vegas Classic with a 74-51 win over Kennesaw State. In one sequence, late in the second half, Waldow took the ball behind the arc, channeled his inner Kobe Bryant, and powerfully drove to basket before throwing down a strong, two-handed dunk to the delight of the crowd. The last game of the home stand was against a strong Eastern Washington team, who almost defeated Gonzaga in their opening game. Dellavedova and Jones scored 25 and 19 respectively and helped open up a 15 point half time lead and keep the Eagles at bay in the second half.

The Gaels faced arguably their toughest challenge all year in the third round of the Las

Vegas Classic when they took on sixth ranked Baylor. The strong play of Matthew Dellavedova and clutch three pointers by Clint Steindl kept Saint Mary's in the game, with a late two pointer by Baylor being the difference at halftime. However Baylor went on a 17-6 run that blew open the game and held on for a 72-59 win. In the last game of the Las Vegas Classic, Saint Mary's squared off against the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions Missouri State. According to Coach Randy Bennett, the Gaels played their best game of the year. Brad Waldow and Matthew Dellavedova each scored 17 points to lead Saint Mary's. Waldow's three point play gave the Gaels a 38-36 lead with 18 minutes left in the game, and after two consecutive three's by Holt and Dellavedova, Saint Mary's blew out the Bears. This win was crucial by the Gaels as the Bears lost by two in OT to a tough West Virginia team the night before and upset #19 ranked Creighton on the road 77-65 on December 28.

## WBBALL: Despite loss, Gaels exceeding expectations

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seven late in the game, the Gaels found themselves to be down by 2 with 25 seconds left. A jumper by Jackie Nared with five seconds left tied the game, and an immediate steal by Jasmine Smith lead to a foul from BYU. Smith converted on her two free throws to give Saint Mary's a two point lead. A double-technical foul on BYU gave Smith four more free throws as she iced

the game and gave the Gaels a 54-48 win.

Continuing a three game home stand, the Gaels defeated the Dons of San Francisco. After a 17-0 run, the Gaels led by 30 and ultimately won 64-42 in a game. Saint Mary's held the Dons to a mere 31 percent shooting. Mia Grecko scored a season high 11 points off the bench in 17 minutes and contributed to the teams

dominance of rebounds: Saint Mary's outrebounded San Diego 46-22. In their next contest, the Gaels allowed San Diego to shoot a whopping 50.8 percent and despite a career high 24 points from Alex Carbonel, San Diego went on to win 77-60. The loss dropped the women's team to 12-5, 3-1 in league play and ended the longest winning streak for the team since the 2000-2001 season (11 games).

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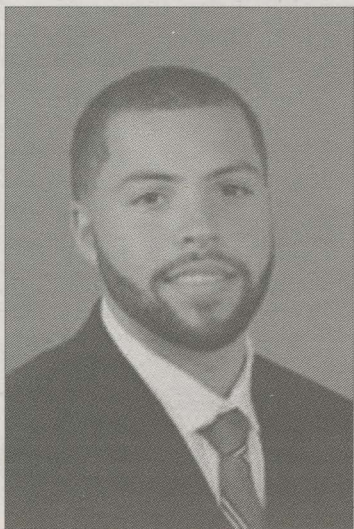
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## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### Rob Jones

### Men's Basketball

The senior forward scored a career high of 31 points over his former team, the San Diego Toreros.



## MBBALL: Fast offense has Gaels rolling into four-game homestand

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minutes left, but a charge called against BYU's Brandon Davies, a three-pointer by Dellavedova and a three-point play by Brad Waldow pushed the lead back to 16 in just under a minute.

Even though Saint Mary's was missing its best outside shooter in Clint Steindl, Jorden Page got the start and stepped up both defensively and with a big 13 points. Once Steindl returns to the lineup, the Gaels will be even more dangerous offensively. Although it was a blowout win, Saint Mary's still isn't playing its best basketball. Following the game, Coach Randy Bennett said that they played better against Missouri State (page 7) while Rob Jones pointed out that "we're just a smidge, this close, to becoming a great team and playing the best we can play."

Just two days later, the Gaels took their confidence and their hot offense on the road to Malibu to face a Pepperdine squad that was predicted to finish eighth in the conference by the

coaches. The Waves, who defeated Arizona State on the road, were no match for the Gaels who defeated Pepperdine 74-45. Matthew Dellavedova led all scorers with 16, while Stephen Holt and Jorden Page scored 14. A Rob Jones layup five minutes into the game gave the Gaels a 15-4 lead and the blowout ensued. A strong defensive performance gave the Gaels a 35-18 point lead at the half.

A loss at lowly San Diego last year was a huge blow to the Gaels' NCAA hopes. This year the Toreros, who were picked to finish dead last by the coaches, were upset-minded once more. It took a deep three by Jorden Page with one second left in the first half to give the Gaels a 35-33 lead going into the break. But behind 22 points from hot-shooting freshman Johnnee Dee, San Diego never went away. However, former Torero Rob Jones at one point scored 13 of the Gaels' 15 points over a six-minute stretch late in the second half. His assist

on a Dellavedova three gave the Gaels a 64-60 lead with 5:38 to play. A huge weak-side offensive rebound and layup by Stephen Holt gave Saint Mary's a 71-65 lead with fifty seconds left and four Jorden Page free throws in a ten-second span gave the Gaels a ten point lead, their largest of the game, with 23 seconds left. Despite shooting only 43.4 percent from the field (compared to San Diego's 50 percent), Saint Mary's found a way to win without playing their best game. The Gaels improved to 14-2 and a 3-0 record in the WCC.

The Gaels have a crucial four-game homestand next, including the crucial Gonzaga game, a team that has a three-game winning streak in McKeon Pavillion and is once again predicted to win the West Coast Conference. Saint Mary's also faces Portland on Saturday and hosts a rematch against Pepperdine on Thursday, January 19.

## SPORTS THIS WEEK

Men's Basketball:  
~ Thur. vs. Gonzaga 8:00 pm  
~ Sat. vs. Portland 7:00 pm

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~ Sat. @ Gonzaga 2:00 pm

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## Gaels open conference play with blowout

*Saint Mary's off to a hot start following wins over BYU, Pepperdine, USD*

Simon Tryzna

Assistant Sports Editor

No matter the sport, an athlete will say that a win is just a win. The drubbing of BYU on December 29 was more than just a win. It was the statement win that Saint Mary's has been lacking due to a lackluster non-conference schedule. The 98-82 blowout win told the West Coast Conference and the nation that the Gaels are out for vengeance, following their exclusion in the 2011 NCAA Tournament, despite being WCC Co-Champions. BYU was predicted by most to be the best challenger to overtake Gonzaga's throne as the conference champions, yet the Gaels' dominating win proves that they are the favorites to dethrone the Bulldogs. The odds do not look good for the Cougars as the last team to lose the first game and win the regular season title was Santa Clara in 1997.

Behind double-doubles from Rob Jones (24 points, 15 rebounds) and Matthew Dellavedova (18 points, 12 assists) and strong shooting from Stephen Holt (21 points, 4/6 from beyond the arc) Saint Mary's was able to take use a 12-2 run to build a 13 point lead in the last minute of the first half and ultimately take a ten point lead to halftime. The hot shooting continued on the other side of the break, as the Gaels raced out on an 18-6 run and build their largest lead of the game at 71-49.

The game was close throughout the first half, but after a Jordan Page three-pointer gave the Gaels a 25-23 lead with 8:14 left, Saint Mary's never trailed again. A late surge by the Cougars cut the Gaels' lead to 80-70 with six



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Senior forward Rob Jones scores three of his 24 points in a key stretch that saw Saint Mary's blow open the game in the second half.

## 49ers win West for first time since 2002

by George Robles

Sports Editor

The pain, torture, and feeling of defeat that has come with being a San Francisco 49er fan over the past eight years makes me cringe just thinking about how terrible we have had it. Every year is supposed to "our year," ever since San Francisco drafted Alex Smith in 2005.

Yet, here we are at the end of the regular season, NFC West champions. After losing so many free agents after the 2010 season and not signing any new quarterbacks, nobody in the league could have imagined this turnaround except one man: Jim Harbaugh. A young, poised, intelligent former NFL player single-handedly changed the direction of this franchise for the better.

The season could have quickly slipped away from the Niners very early on when they were down big at halftime in week three on the road against the heavily favored Philadelphia Eagles. The Niners then stormed back in the fourth quarter unlike any Red and Gold fan has seen in years. This was the moment when all fans regained hope of one day not settling for a losing season.

As the season kept going on, the wins piled up, giving a refreshing feeling that Bay Area football has not had since the early 2000s. Even though this is our first winning season since 2002, we are more playoff hungry than ever. After a 13-3 season with a historically good defense, a new and improved Alex Smith, and the best defensive rookie lineman in all of the NFL, how can we not be excited?

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## Women's Basketball loses to USD, ends seven game winning streak

*Gaels' winning streak includes sweep of Oregon State and Oregon, close win over newcomer BYU*

by Simon Tryzna

Assistant Sports Editor



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Jackie Nored played a key role in the Gaels' seven win streak.

Following a ten point loss to UC Berkeley, Saint Mary's was sitting at 5-4 and a difficult stretch facing a tough UC Davis team at home before embarking on a three game road trip to Seattle, Oregon State and Oregon. The Gaels responded to adversity with a strong 75-58 win over UC Davis behind 19 points from Jasmine Smith. A week later, Smith hit the game winner with 9.7 seconds left to give Saint Mary's a 71-70 road win. The Gaels overcame a 12-0 deficit to start the game. Not wanting to get off to a horrible start, Saint Mary's scored the first ten points at Oregon State and behind Jackie Nared's career high 26 points, the Gaels demolished the Beavers 81-61. Going for the sweep in Eugene, Jasmine Smith took

over, scoring 21 of her career high 35 before the twelve minute mark in the first half. Being down ten at the half, the Ducks scored the first six points of the second period to trim the deficit to four. However, the Gaels scored the next seven points and hung on for the 72-62 win.

Saint Mary's took their four game winning streak to Los Angeles and continued their hot scoring hand, shooting 54% from the field and opening up a double digit lead early in the second half. A late 13-4 run by Loyola Marymount was not enough as Saint Mary's still lead by eight with two minutes left. By converting free throws to ice the game, the Gaels ultimately won 82-72. The first home conference game of the year was against BYU. Despite trailing by

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